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HOUSING COMMISSION ONLINE OPEN HOUSE EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 18

Local residents are asked to weigh in on Commission's second round of ideas

(**Edmonds, WA**) The City of Edmonds has extended an online open house and community survey about its second set of housing ideas. The open house and survey are part of community outreach by the Edmonds Housing Commission to gather and organize community input on housing policy concepts from zoning to community programs. The open house and survey have been extended to October 18 due to unprecedented mailing delays for those to whom postcards and surveys were sent.

The online open house features videos that highlight ideas for many housing policy topics including homelessness prevention and affordable housing incentives. It can all be found at:

ECHCOpenHouse.com

The Commission is scheduled to deliver policy recommendations to the Edmonds City Council in late December. The Council will then decide what actions to take on the recommendations.

The City Council created and staffed the Commission in 2019 to develop diverse housing policy options designed to expand the range of housing available in Edmonds. The mission statement of the Commission says housing options will be irrespective of age, gender, race, religious affiliation, physical disability or sexual orientation.

The Commission has met 18 times, including online public meetings during the state's Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order. For online meetings, the public is invited to provide written comments for the Commissioners.

For this round, the Commission has arrived at concepts for five policy topics:

- Homelessness prevention
- Affordable housing incentives
- Housing types
- Housing equity
- Housing-related programs

The Housing Commission's current ("Round Two") policy ideas are still preliminary. After hearing more from the community, the Commissioners will decide whether to keep, revise, or drop the ideas. They will prepare draft recommendations for public input by late this fall.

Commissioners, working with a public outreach consultant, have a series of survey questions for the public about the Round Two ideas. A copy of the survey will be mailed to 600 randomly selected residents. It will also be available via the web and social media. The survey has been extended due to unprecedented mailing delays for those we sent postcards to.

Results will be available for anyone to review via the Housing Commission webpage. Recommendations could lead new city programs, investments, or code changes. Any and all final actions are up to the City Council.

Commissioners emphasize there are no right or wrong answers, and the survey is 'blind'. No one sees personal information. The Commission wants to arrive at policy recommendations that take into account the entire community. Learn more about the [Housing Commission](#).

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